

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I propose to take up all the three Short Notice Questions together.

Arrangement made to alleviate the grievances of workers affected by Gold Control Order.

Q.—1. Sri S. SHIVAPPA (Shravanabelagola).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) when the Gold Control Order came into effect in the State;
- (b) the number of workers employed in the industry that are affected by the Gold Control Order in the State;
- (c) the arrangements made to alleviate the grievances of these workers ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—

(a) In January 1963.

(b) The total number including employers, employees and workers may be 30,000. Number of workers may be about 15,000 to 20,000, but the actual number affected by the Gold Control Order is not available. It must be small as ornaments of silver also are prepared by the same class of workers.

(c) If genuine case of unemployment are brought to notice and they are suitable, the question of providing employment to workers seeking employment in various jobs in industrial concerns or other suitable places can be considered. Some of the applications are already under consideration of the industrial concerns.

Number of people likely to be thrown out of employment on account of Gold Control Order.

Q.—3. Sri T. MADAIAH GOWDA (Ramanagaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) the number of people that are likely to be thrown-out of employment in Mysore State on account of Gold Control Order;
- (b) whether Government have thought of any measures to give relief to such people;
- (c) if so, what are they ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—

(a) The number cannot be assessed with any degree of accuracy as goldsmiths were not dealing entirely with gold ornaments.

(b) Yes.

(c) If genuine cases of unemployment are brought to notice and if they are suitable, the question of providing employment to workers seeking employment in various jobs in industrial concerns or other suitable places can be considered. Some of the applications are already under consideration of the industrial concerns.

Steps taken to give relief to workers affected by Gold Control Order.

Q.—4. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a large number of goldsmiths are thrown out of employment on account of Gold Control Order;

(b) whether they have taken any steps to give relief to these workers ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—

(a) Representations have been received that a number of goldsmiths are thrown out of employment on account of the Order.

(b) If genuine cases of unemployment are brought to notice and they are suitable, the question of providing employment to workers seeking employment in various jobs in industrial concerns or other suitable places can be considered. Some of the applications are already under consideration of the industrial concerns.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The Government are pleased to state that there are 30,000 workers in this industry including the persons who work on silver. May I know how many workers have applied to the Government seeking for employment ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—4,379 persons have applied.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that several hundreds of people have applied for employment in various Districts ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The total number of applications which have been received at Bangalore is 4,379, Some of the District Officers have forwarded these applications to the Headquarters.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—How can the Government employ these persons immediately ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The Hon'ble Deputy Minister for Municipal Administration has held a number of meetings and he has invited representatives of the Government of India Undertakings, the State industries and private people who are running industries. All of them have been good enough to receive the applications and employ them. Some of them have suggested that training should be given and then appointed.